

Remarks/Arguments

The Claim Rejections/Objections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement relative to the function, "provide resistance to turning of the stent relative to said mandrel." The Examiner has rejected Claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Jervis 6,451,025.

The Response

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended herein to remove the language forming the basis of the Examiner's 112 rejection. Applicant respectfully disagrees that there is inadequate written description of this feature in the specification, but its removal from the claims renders this contention unnecessary to assert herein.

Claims 13-15 have been canceled herein. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position, but the cancellation of these claims renders this contention unnecessary to assert herein.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-12 would be allowable if the 112 basis for rejection is resolved. Applicant respectfully submits that that has been accomplished by the foregoing amendments.

Applicants' attorney respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims. No fees are thought to be required for this Response, however, if any fees are due as a result of this Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Swift", written over the printed name.

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